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Ms. Ruth Mancos
Emergency Support Section
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,
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230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA and Section 3007 of RCRA, for the Conservation Chemical Company Site, in Gary, Indiana
Your No. 5HS-11

Dear Ms. Mancos:

This will confirm our telephone conversation regarding the response to the questionnaire submitted and dated January 30, 1990. We initially agreed to a response date of March 2, 1990. I subsequently learned that you would be out of the office until March 6. I was unable to complete all of the information on March 2, but enclose the response on this date with an unsigned Affidavit. The signed Affidavit should be in your office within the week.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

By

Very truly yours,

HOEPPNER, WAGNER AND EVANS

John E. Hughes Valparaiso Office

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RESPONSE TO EPA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 104(e) OF CERCLA IN SECTION 3007 OF RCRA FOR CONSERVATION CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.

Charles R. Hain, as Vice President of Finance, submits the following answers to the Request For Information dated January 30, 1990, regarding the Conservation Chemical Company site, Gary, Indiana:

1. The following persons contributed to the preparation of the answers:

Charles R. Hain
James A. Breisch
John Tyrpak
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Houghton
Cincinnati Milikron
Foreman (Ret.)
Plant Engineer (Ret.)

Other current Klein employees were consulted in records searches and to determine if they had any knowledge of this period, but only the people above provided information. All of the above are located at 7200 McCormick Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60645, during normal business hours. The current addresses for the retired individuals are as follows:

John Tyrpak Ted Barg

2. Conservation Chemical Company of Indiana incoming transaction sheets (copies of which are enclosed), which were supplied by counsel for the 6500 Industrial Highway Group. These documents were used as a basis to search our records, including current material safety data sheets. All documentation prior to 1980-82 has been disposed of in the normal course of our record disposal policy. We did locate booklets which were kept by a foreman entitled "Avoid Verbal Orders". These booklets contain copies of requisitions for materials and number 50 to 60. From these books, we have determined the identity of some of the products listed in answer No. 7. A sample page is enclosed for your information. If duplication of the entire set of books is necessary, we can accommodate you.

- 8. Enclosed are all of the liability policies that Klein Tools has been able to locate for the named period.
- 9-10. Pursuant to discussion with your counsel, Klein Tools presents its audited financial statement for December 31, 1988. Klein Tools, Inc. asserts a privilege of confidentiality for the reason that this contains confidential financial information relating to the condition of the company, and might give a competitive advantage to other competitors. This privilege is asserted in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b). Each page of the report is marked confidential.
- 11-12. Not applicable.

AFFIDAVIT

CHARLES R. HAIN, being duly sworn upon his oath, states:

- 1. He is the Vice President of Finance for Klein Tools, Inc., which is the successor in interest of Mathias Klein & Sons, Inc., and operates its manufacturing facility at the same location, 7200 McCormick Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2. A diligent record search has been completed and there has been a diligent interviewing process with all present and former employees who may have knowledge of the operations, hazardous substance use, storage, treatment, releases, spills, disposal or handling practices of Klein Tools, Inc., formerly known as Mathias Klein & Sons between 1970 to 1985.
- 3. He has compiled the information attached in response to the EPA request dated January 30, 1990.

DATED this ___ day of March, 1990.

	CHARLES R. HAIN		
STATE OF ILLINOIS)	SS:		
COUNTY OF)			
	sworn to before me, the undersigned, a said County and State, this day of		
	Notary Public		
My Commission Expires:	County of Residence:		

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